

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 277

By Windle

A RESOLUTION to recognize Chris Phillips on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Chris Phillips, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Chris has been active in Boy Scouts of America activities since he was very young; he was in the Cub Scouts and was a member of the first-ever Tiger Cubs troop in Monterey; and

WHEREAS, he completed the Wolf, Bear, and Webloes programs, finally earning his Arrow of Light, the highest honor in Cub Scouts; and

WHEREAS, he joined the Boy Scouts a year earlier than scheduled, at age 10; and

WHEREAS, Chris' notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 18 includes 54 Merit Badges and many years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, his Eagle project--a revitalization of the unused backyard at a nursing home--greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Chris has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers throughout his high school career, during which time he was an honor student in the gifted program; he will graduate in May of 2003, having already completed one year of college English at Tennessee Technological University, and he plans to attend college to study Computer Engineering; and

WHEREAS, he is grateful for his parents and his brother, whose support he says has made his journey in Boy Scouts much more meaningful; and

WHEREAS, with his family, Chris is active in his church and in community clubs, setting an example of giving to community, family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Chris Phillips as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby applaud and honor Chris Phillips on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.